## WHAT IS ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY?

- → It's a public service program for volunteers to pick up litter along Hawaii's state highways.
- → It's a way for environmentally conscious citizens to make a personal contribution to a cleaner state.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Community groups, churches or businesses adopt a highway by agreeing to pick up litter on a section of highway they adopt for at least two years.

Adopt-A-Highway groups agree to:

- → Adopt a 2 mile portion of state highway for a minimum of 2 years.
- → Pick up litter on that highway at least 4 times per year.
- → Provide safety training for their volunteers before each cleanup.

The state Department of Transportation will:

- →Provide high-visibility vests, trashbags and safety information.
- → Remove filled bags from the roadsides and remove heavy or hazardous items.
- → Erect a highway sign to recognize your group's cleaning efforts.

#### WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

- → The DOT will help you select a highway to adopt.
- → Your group's representative will sign an agreement on behalf of your entire group.
- → All participants must be a minimum of 12 years old. Participants 17 years old or younger must have adult supervision, and those under 18 must have a signed parental release form. There must be two adults per 10 participants present at all times for groups under 18.
- → Groups shall arrange pickup dates in advance with the local highways district office
- → Groups shall leave filled trashbags along the roadside as specified by the local DOT office. Groups are encouraged to recycle.

#### WHY SHOULD I CARE?

- → Litter is unsightly. It destroys the natural beauty of Hawaii's highways.
- → Litter is expensive. The State Department of Transportation spends \$2 million a year picking up litter—and that doesn't count what the counties and other state agencies spend!
- → Beautiful highways say "welcome" to visitors and show that we care about our community.



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